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#### COMMISSIONERS NOW IN SESSION

cussing matters of interest to Farmers

#### CONV'N KEYNOTE

Mayor McCarthy Thinks It May Be Overdone-Commissioner Sargent Discusses Subject From the Standpoint of An Ex-

gruder, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture of Virginia, was made-secretary pro tem. The aret session was held yesterday

The first session was held yesterday morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

At the hour named President Koiner called the body to order, and Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, of this city, led in prayer. A roll call showed a good attendance of the members, not sell of whom are actual commissioners of agriculture, but men who are in one way and another identified with agriculture. A number of ladies were in attendance upon the meeting, and the association earnestly hopes that during the remaining days of the seventh annual session many more will

#### Immigration Overdone.

#### President's Address.

first item of business was the ad-of the president, Mr. G. W. Koiner,

attested the loyalty of the early English settiers to the mother country. We are within a day's journey, by the old-time stage coach, of the spot where Anglo-Baxon civilization was first planted in the Western Hemisphere. It was a sunny April day in 10%, that the three quaint stille vessels, the Constant, the Discovery and the Good Speed, after a long and perilous voyage towards an unknown land, entere the Virginia capes and sailed up the river which they named the James, in honor of the refuling sovereign, and landed at Jamestown.

Two years hence there is to be a commemoration on a grand scale of this planting at Jamestown of the first permanent English colony, the initial step, in the civilization of the continent. The first house built and the first farm cleared from the primeval forest on the continent, was in Virginia, not more than sixty miles from this city, where we are now assembled.

From this small beginning, farms and

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From this small beginning, farms and settlements were founded along the streams and farther inland, in Virginia Soon on other Southern shores a like course of settlement was begun. The development of the Southland has continued for nearly three centuries, until now there are no new fields to be cleared up for cullivation. But the problem to-day is to mature and increase the prdictiveness of these farms, that have already made the senial South famous the world over.

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Let us look at the South from a practical standpoint, and see what has been accomplished in the way of material and industrial development. In the last few decades. Consider the figures in the leading staple of the South, cotton. In the last twenty years the increase in cotton inanufactures has been phenominal. The value of the crop has jumped from \$21,00,00 to \$175,00,000.00. The number of spindles in operation has increased in the last twenty years as increased in the last twenty represented that Southern cotton mills will this year consume 2.116,000 bales of the field's fleecy product as against 2.194-200 bales used by the Northern concerns. This tells a prophetic story which cannot be misinterpreted—that in the next ten years Southern textile mills will consume far more cotton than their Northern concerns. The field of the manufacturer of cotton fabrics has been principled and the second of corn in the South.

Our last we cotton crops brought \$1,50,000,000. Last year the world inlined \$36,000,000. L

Southern Leaders Dis-

### IMMIGRATION IS

pert.

Southern States Association of Commis sioners of Agriculture was begun in the resterday under auspicious circumstances The officers of this association are Koiner, of Virginia, president; W T. Bradford, of Arkansas, and W. W. Ogilvic, of Tennessee, vice-presidents, and Kilgore, of North Carolina, secre tary, all of whom are present except the In his absence Dr. E. W. Ma

seventh annual session many more will honor the occasion with their presence. honor the occasion with their presence.
Governor Montague was to have delivered the address of welcome on behalf
of the State, but he had not returned
from New York, and Congressman John
Lamb took his place. The congressman's
speech, although brief, was in every
sense a typical Virginia welcome, sud at
once made the visitors from other States
feel perfectly at home.

Mayor McCarthy, on behalt of the city, offered a few words of welcome, and he, too, made the visiting statesmen think that Richmond is their home, as it will

be for a few days.

Having done this, the Mayor branched Having done this, the Mayor branched out into a discussion of the question of immigration, and intimated that the immigration business was being overdone. He does not wish to see the South dotted with monstrous cities, filled with all sorts of people from all over the world, but would rather see very many towns and villages and a strong rural population made up of natives of the old-time, vigorous kind. The Mayor thinks the best way to build up the waste places of old Virginia is to encourage her young men to stay at home and do their building at home.

son, of Louisiana.

The afternoon session was more largely sttended than that of the morning, and again a number of ladies were present.

#### SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Baptists Will Operate in Oppo-

sition to Foreign Mission

Board Located Here.

DR. BROUGHTON AT THE HEAD

Members of New Board Are Ad-

vocates of the "Four Fold

ALGUSTA, GA., November 22.-The

Chronicle to-morrow will say that it has

eliable information from Macon, where

Gospel."

OUTHERN ASSOCIATION,
OF COLLEGE WOMEN

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA. GA. November 22.—The first joint session of the National Association of Collegista Alumnae and the Southern Association of Collegista Alumnae and the Southern Association, addressed the convention on the object and aims of the national association, addressed the convention on the object and aims of the nassociation. Miss Celestia Parish, of happened on Spivey's farm.

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HON. T. B. SARGENT. of Immigration, Who Delivered An Address Before Commis sioners of Agriculture Yesterday.

#### IN ISLE OF WIGHT WITH RICHMOND

James J. Spivey Charged With Slaying William Duck With An Axe.

#### WIDELY WITNESSES

Dead Man's Wife and Alleged Slayer's Daughter Were Eye Witnesses.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., November 22.—In the presence of the dead man's daughter and of the alleged murderer's wife. William Duck to-day was supposed to have been ty. Both are white. Duck was 77 years

peanuts he had grown but the removal was prohibited by Spivey on the ground that his guano bill had not been paid. Following angry words Spivey is alleged to have grabbed an axe and struck the old man down. Spivey is under ayrest. According to a member of the Coroner's Jury which was convened this evening, there will be wild discrepancies.

#### URGES PUBLICITY OF RAILROAD ACCOUNTS

CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 2: Congressman Charles E. Townsend, of Jackson, Mich., joint father of the Esch-Townsend bill, addressed the members of the Hamilton Club last night on the subject of railroad rates and the need of revised legislation to prevent discrimination between pers. His principal suggestion was

#### ELECTION INVESTIGATORS ILLEGAL VOTE A JOKE; NAIL EX-ASSEMBLYMAN

Joseph J. Cahill, Charged With New Yorker Attempted to Cast

## INDICTED, NO JOKE

Ballot in Name of John Rockefeller. (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, November 22.-An alleged election joke caused the arrest and indictment of George Wharton, a clork, to-day. He was charged with attempting to vote illegally under the name of John Rockefeller in the recent city and county elections. Although! Wharton had been discharged from his first arrest on election day for this offense on the plea that it was a joke, the grand jury which took up the case to-day refused to consider it in that light, and indicted him. Wharton's ball was fixed at \$6,000.

#### Cotton Soars in London.

(By Associated Press.)

LIVERPOOL, November 22.—In consequence of the ginners' report and higher American prices the cotton market here to-day opened excited and 33 to 36 points in higher. Afterwards fluctuations were normal and at noon values were 32 to 33 points over yesterday's closing quotations.

### SAYS PREMIUMS WERE "LOADED"

Vice-President Tarbell Ad mits Exhorbitant Cost of insurance

#### CLAIMS INSURED GOT EXCESS BACK

Of \$80,000,000 Surplus of Equitable in 1894 Only \$70,000,000 Was Set Aside for Deferred Dividends, Which is Withheld.

(By Associated Press.)

Legislative Committee on In surance Investigation for the greater part of three days, Gage E. Tarbell, secon vice-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, finished his testimony of existing abuses in the manproper control over the companies and to insure the confidence of the policy-holders. Prominent among these sugges-tions was absolute publicity. While ad-mitting that worng had been done by life insurance officials. Mr. Tarbell said he had no apologies to make for any of them, and that he hoped they would be

Mr. Tarbell was on the stand the entire day and was questioned as to the system of agencies and the commissions and other compensations allowed them for getting business. Just before the recess the fact was brought out that Mr. Tar bell had taken out insurance on his own life and on members of his family, and had received the agent's commission on the premiums as well as renewal com-missions. He said that since he became an officer he had taken out \$200,000 on his own life in the Equitable. Besides his rolicies in the Equitable he had taken insuance in the New Yok Life, the arrangement being made with George W Perkins, and on this, too, he received the commission on the premiums. He halso a policy in the Aetna and the Travelers, on all of which he collected the commissions. He said he carried \$100,000 on his own life, and \$500,000 on members of his family.

Loading Premiums.

Mr. Tarbell said the system of "load-ing" premiums was originally to insure the ability of companies to meet any con-tingency of claim or expense. He said that premiums are placed higher than is

that premiums are placed higher than is necessary for safety, and the excess "londing" is returned to policy-holders in dividends.

Of the \$50,000,000 surplus of the Equtable Society at the end of 1894, Mr. Tarbell said about \$70,000,000 was set aside for deferred dividends, but the company does not recognize any right of the policy-holder in the \$70,000,000 until the policy has matured or reached the point at which it has earned its dividend. This \$70,000,000 could be used to defray any contingency that might arise. ontingency that might arise. Mr. Tarbell said that an extra commis

Mr. Tarbeli said that an extra commission of 10 per cent. was allowed general agents on business written between July 15 and Drc. 31, 1995. This was done, witness said, to enable the agents to make a compensation upon which they could live, because of the difficulty of getting people to insure.

#### Denounced Rebating.

stated that any agent of the Equitable who gave relates to get business was dismissed. When he told of getting the commissions, Assemblyman Cox asked if that was not rebating, and Mr. Tarbel entitled to it. This morning, later when Mr. Hughes took up this same subject with the witness, the latter justified the taking of the commissions as being simllar to the case of a merchant who pur chased goods of a fellow merchant in the same line, perhaps to fill an order, and got those goods at cost, or of a profes-sional man treating another and charging less than the regular fees. Witness said

(Continued on Second Page.)

#### THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair and somewhat warmer Thursday; Friday, fair; light to fresh southwest winds.
North Carolina—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday, fair; light, variable GIRL SOUGHT DEATH; winds.

Conditions Yesterday. Highest temperature yesterday.
Lowest temperature yesterday.
Mean temperature yesterday.
Normal temperature yesterday.
Departure from normal temperature.

The rmometer This Day Last Year 

Conditions in Important Cities.

Asheville
Augusta
Atlanta
Ga
Cherjeston
Chicago, Ill.
Cincinnati, C
Hatteras, N
G
Jucksonville
Key West, Fla
Mobile
New Orleans Mobile
New Orleans
New York City
Norfolk, Va.
Savannah
Tampa, Fla
Washington Miniature Almanac. 
 Sun rises
 659
 November 23, 1906.

 Sun sets
 4.54
 Morning
 1:20

 Moon rises
 3.03
 Evening
 1:45

# MERIWETHER'S DEFENSE



## THE PROPOSALS

Commanders of Warships Ready to Make a Demonstration.

#### ARE AWAITING ORDERS TO FIRE

Turkey Refuses International Control of Macedonian Finances and the World

(By Associated Press.) ATHENS, Nov. 22.—The warships of the powers which propose to make a demonstration against Turkey arrived at Piraeus to-day and exchanged salutes and official visits. The commanders of the vessels are

awaiting instructions VALUABLE ADDITION TO

#### PRESIDENT'S MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, November 22.—El Had-jle Abdallah Basha, Minister of Com-merce from Abysslnia, called upon Presi-dent Roosovelt to-day and presented to him a personal letter from Emperor Menelik.

The President extended a cordial welcome to his visitor, who first handed him the emperor's letter of greeting. Then the Basha presented in behalf of Emperor the Basha presented in behalf of Emperor Monelik three elephants' tusks, one being a gignutic specimen nine feet long and of great rarity and value. As his personal offering, the Basha gave the President the skin of a magnificent Numidian lion. The Basha's mission to this country is the placing of concessions for the development for his country.

# WILL BE UNWRITTEN CODE



Captain Adolph T. Marix, of the Judge Advocates' Department, United States Navy, who is acting as Judge Advocate at the Noriwether court-martial.

#### Claims Officers Never Attempted to Stop Fist Fights

#### PROSECUTION HAS **NEARLY FINISHED**

Many Believe It Will Be Impossible to Deal Severely With Midshipman When It is Shown He Didn't Intend to Kill Branch.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., November 22 -- Fr reme interest is being taken throughout the nation in the case of Midshipma nected with a prearranged fist fight, in which he engaged with Midshipman James er received injuries from which he die ! penalty of ten years' confinement in the is Waiting to See

What Powers

Will Do.

Wassociated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 22.—The Porte has rejected the proposals of the finances of Macedonia.

(By Associated Press.)

VIENNA, Nov. 22.—A dispatch from Constantinople says that the reply of the Porte, which was handed Baron Von Callee, the Austro-Hungarlan ambassador, this evening, rejects the proposals of the powers on all points, and declares that the public opinion of Turkey would not countenance their acceptance. The Porte agrees to extend to two years the terms of the civil agents of the powers in Macedonia.

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During the session which took place this of good order and discipline. During the session which took place there this morning the prosecution completed the examination in chief of nearly all the direct witnesses of the quarred which led up to the fight and the fight littelf, and in the cross-examination of the prosecution's witnesses the defense indicated that it will seek to show that fighting under the unwritten code of the authorities themselves wink, or at least midshipmen is a system at which the authorities themselves wink or at least midshipmen is a system at will be the prosecution's witnesses the defense indicated that it will seek to show that fighting under the unwritten code of the prosecution's witnesses the defense indicated that it will seek to show that fighting under the unwritten code of the authorities themselves wink or at least midshipmen is a system at which the authorities themselves wink or at least midshipmen is a system at will the fight itself, and in the cross-examination of titleton, and in the cross-examination of titleton, and in the cross-examination of the presulting with a titl

nincteen affairs; Noyes, the time-keeper, and the four seconds. The midshipmen were notably frank and generally spoke as if there was nothing to be ashamed of about their "code," even when it was made clear that the midshipmen officers were compelled to deliberately neglect their duty in falling to report disorder or the absence of those connected with the fight. The examination was not, however, pushed to the point where they were compelled to defend the system references to it heing only incidental to the development of the facts of the case on trial.

Take Oaths to Uphold Law.

these points. He is commandant of mushipmen, and as such has direct charge of the discipline of the institution. In answer to questions, Captain Colcoveresses said that each midshipman is made acquainted with regulations of the Navai Academy when he joins the institution and takes an oath to abide by them. He (Continued on Third Page.)

## ASKED GOD TO SAVE HER

#### Mary McCarthy Run Down By Havana Officers Confiscate Sixty New York Elevated Train While at Prayer.

NEW YORK, November Z.-Mary G. McCarthy to-day knelt and prayed on the tracks of an elevated railroad, while the train in front of which she had last night in a raid on a house near San leaped with the intention of ending her Juan Demartinez, province of Phar del life, bore down upon her too close to be stopped by its crow. The girl jumped from the platform of a station at Sixtysixth Street and Columbus Avenue, After passing the dicket taker she attracted Hayana, has been arrested in connection attention by several irresolute runs to- with the anti-government movement and ward the eldge of the platform. Each will be taken to Pinar del Rio for trail. time she stopped unable to bring hersen to take the final step. Finally when a to take the final sep. Finally when a train was half a block away, the girl who was then at the extreme end of the platform, three herself on the track. Although at first she fell prostrated, although at first she fell prostrated, Miss McCarthy huriedly Jose to her the company of the district is in the hard raised both arms and clasped her hands in an attitude of prayer. She was killed gimost a family,

#### POLICE SEIZE RIFLES IN HANDS OF PLOTTERS

Remingtons and Arrest Colonel Cruz.

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, November 22,-Sixty Remington rifles were seized by the police Rio, in which fifty anti-government plot ters were meeting. A dozen of the latter were captured.

Colonel Julian Cruz, a prominent citizen of Pinar del Rio and at present lu

#### Peasants Are Rioting.

### APOLOGIZE OR BE DISMISSED SAYS THE BOARD

Paper Suggested by the Governor Rejected in Toto

#### OFFENDING CADETS GIVEN SEVEN DAYS

Unless Regrets Are Expressed By Oath-Bound Thirteen Dismissal Follows.

LONG HOURS SPENT IN MOST EARNEST DISCUSSION

Matter, the Gravity of Which Was Fully Appreciated By All Present, Was Considered in Every Pos-, sible Light and Action Taken.

After earnest and careful deliberation nd concluding after 1 o'clock this morn-Military Institute unanimously he paper submitted by the cadet third class, charged with insubordination, and, as final action disposing of the matter for ty of dismissal be enforced upon all who shall at the expiration of seven days have ereafter made.

nearly every member of the board and several distinguished gentlemen invited Governor Montague, Lieutenant-Governor Willard, Judge Thomas N. Wilcox, of Norfolk, and others appeared and attempted to stem the tid arguing that the insurgent cadets were thoroughly penitent; that they were holding back simply because they could not in honor go farther than they had done, and that in fact they had in true military spirit, if not in express terms, submitted to the decision of ther superors and compled with the dmands of the board,

Imperative to Stand Form. Every consideration was given to the statements made by these gentlemen, but the argument was of no avail. Members of the board, one after the other arose and declared that to recede would be disastrous to the Institute, and that if the future of the school would be preserved the board must stand firm in its position already taken and insist upon express compliance with its requirements. There was but one dissenting voice. Captain F. L. Smith, of Alexandria, while casting his vote with the majority, ex-pressed satisfaction with the paper which, he declared, compiled in substance with

chair, made an earnest speech, in the course of which he pointed out the gravity of the situation and called for decisive action. A compromise, he said, would strike at the very for tained rigidly or the board might as well close the school. The sentiment prevaied. Only the fact that the intervention of Governor Montague created among the cadets the impression that through his great influence the paper submitted last night would be accepted, saved the class from summary dismissal. In view of this condition the beard allowed time for

this condition the beat are further consideration.

The time is extended seven days from the date of the publication of the court which will occur on Friday. If at the expiration of this time the class or any conditions of the court of the class of the expiration of this time the class or any portion of it has failed to withdraw and in substance express regret for its so-tion, the penalty of dismissal will be en-

Resolution Adopted.

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About 1 A. M. the vote on a resolution offered by Dr. J. N. Upshur, of this city, was taken. Captain Smith voted age to the resolution itself, but expressed dissent to the conclusions embodied in the preamble. Every other member voted age without qualification. The entire eleven were present, as follows: Alexander Hamilton. of Petersburg; P. F. Brown, of Blue Ridge; J. N. Tabb, of Roans; P. L. Smith, of Alexandria; J. N. Upshur, of Richmond; A. F. Ravenal, of Roanoke; W. T. Shields, of Lexington, T. W. Shelton, of Norfolk; William Nalle, of Richmond; J. L. White, of Abingdon, and J. W. Southall. The resolutions follow:

ollow:
Whereas on the second of November, the third class of cadets of the Virginia Military institute sent to the post adjutant the following communication signed by nearly every mem-

cation signed by nearly every member:

"Sir—We, the undersigned members of the third class, do hereby pledge ourselves and certify that, if there is not a decided change in the food at the mess-hall by Monday, November 5th, we will resign as cadets of the Virginia Military Institute."

This communication being the evidence of a pledge and combination of section 123 of the regulations, which pledge and combination is subversive of all discipline, the penalty for which violation is dismissal, the board assembled at the institute November 9th-1th instants, resolved and directed that it be published in general erders that unless the said members

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